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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT MARYANNA AGNES KOWALCZYK

FOR: MR. EDWIN J. SMITHSON

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1. DR. KOLODZIEJSKI OF THE CITY HOSPITAL IN KRAKOW INFORMED THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE AT KRAKOW, POLAND ON JULY 8, 1976 OF THE DEATH OF MARYANNA AGNES KOWALCZYK FOLLOWING AN ABDOMINAL OPERATION ON JULY 8, 1976.

2. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 3000 DOLLARS (THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS). CREMATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF CREMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 500 DOLLARS (FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) PLUS LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED BY YOU, COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 750 DOLLARS (SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALL COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

3. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN
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EMBASSY WARSAW, POLAND AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED

IN YOUR MESSAGE. PLEASE TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTOR SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE IN MESSAGE THE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN UNITED STATES IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOU MAY REQUEST THAT BODY OF DECEASED BE SHIPPED TO UNITED STATES, CONSULATE HAS ALERTED BONGO (BIURO OPIEKI NAD GROBAMI OBSOKRAJOW, ULICA MYSIA 2/4, WARSAW -- TELEPHONE 29-20-42) WHICH IS THE SOLE AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO EXPORT THE REMAINS OF DECEASED FOREIGNERS. NO FUNDS HAVE YET BEEN COMMITTED, BUT NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN UNTIL EMBASSY INFORMED OF YOUR DECISION CONCERNING DISPOSAL OF REMAINS.

5.; YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT TRANSFER OF REMAINS MAY TAKE UP TO SEVEN DAYS AND THAT LOCAL EMBALMING TECHNIQUES ARE NOT UP TO U.S. STANDARDS. THUS, VIEWING OF REMAINS MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

6. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SUMPATY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMERICAN CONSUL, KRAKOW, POLAND
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